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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON TRIP OF SPEAKER BAKR

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1. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT SPEAKER BAKR AND COLLEAGUES DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FINE PROGRAM WHICH DEPT PREPARED FOR THEM ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. SPEAKER'S FEW SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WERE ALL INCLUDED. HE APPEARED TO HAVE RECOGNIZED BEFORE HE LEFT KHARTOUM THAT BRIEF WASHINGTON STOPOVER WOULD NOT INVOLVE SPECIAL RED CARPET TREATMENT. PROGRAM MAY SIMPLY HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO "SUDANESE FACTOR" WHICH FREQUENTLY PLAGUES US IN ASSURING ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS HERE.

2. ON OTHER HAND AMOUR PROPRE OF THE MOST SENIOR SUDANESE OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. WE NOTE FROM TANJUG FILE THAT DELEGATION OF YUGOSLAV ASSEMBLY-MEN (EVIDENTLY RETURNING FROM SAME IPU CONFERENCE AS BAKR) LED BY ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT, HAD TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER. BAKR MAY WELL HAVE CONTRASTED THIS RECEPTION UNFAVORABLY WITH THAT HE WAS BEING ACCORDED. BREWER

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